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STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

DIVISION OF MORTGAGE LENDING

In re:

Chris S. Hanna.

Respondent.

FINAL ORDER

The State of Nevada, Department of Business and Industry, Division of Mortgage Lending (hereinafter, the "Division"), having served the Respondent, Chris S. Hanna, (hereinafter, "Respondent") on September 28, 2007, with its Notice of Intent to Revoke Mortgage Agent License, Notice of Intent to Impose Fine and Notice of Right to Request Hearing, attached hereto as Exhibit "1" and incorporated herein by reference, which notified Respondent that a final order would issue in this matter unless, within twenty (20) days of entry and receipt of said Order, Respondent requested a hearing to contest the charges against it, with said request to be made in writing, and;

Said Order having been sent to Respondent via certified mail and regular mail on October 2, 2007, and received by Respondent on November 13, 2007, and;

Respondent having requested a hearing in this matter on November 26, 2007, and subsequently an Order of Dismissal was issued on July 6, 2009;

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NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, pursuant to NRS 645B.670(3) and NRS 645B.750, Respondent's mortgage agent license in the State of Nevada is REVOKED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to NRS 645B.670, Respondent will be subject to the administrative fines, fees and/or costs as set forth in the original Order attached hereto as Exhibit "1".

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the sum of said administrative fines, fees and/or costs be paid in full within thirty (30) days of entry of the Order.

Dated this 9+ day of July, 2009.

State of Nevada
Department of Business and Industry
Division of Mortgage Lending

Joseph L. Waltuch, Commissioner Deputy Commission eR

EXHIBIT "1"

STATE OF NEVADA

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY DIVISION OF MORTGAGE LENDING

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In re:

CHRIS S. HANNA.

Respondent.

ORDER IMPOSING FINE AND ORDER REVOKING MORTGAGE AGENT LICENSE AND NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REQUEST HEARING

The licensing and regulation of mortgage brokers and mortgage agents in the State of Nevada is governed by Chapter 645B of the Nevada Revised Statutes (hereinafter, "NRS") and Chapter 645B of the Nevada Administrative Code (hereinafter, "NAC"). The State of Nevada, Department of Business and Industry, Mortgage Lending DIVISION (hereinafter, the "DIVISION") has the general duty to exercise supervision and control over mortgage brokers and mortgage brokering activity. <u>See</u>, NRS 645B.060(1), NRS 645B.690 and NRS 645B.670. Pursuant to that authority, the DIVISION makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order as follows:

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

1. CHRIS S. HANNA (hereinafter, "RESPONDENT") is a licensed mortgage agent operating within the State of Nevada. RESPONDENT was issued a mortgage agent's license pursuant to Chapter 645B of the Nevada Revised Statutes on April 18, 2005. The DIVISION currently classifies RESPONDENT'S license as inactive.

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- 2. Records of the DIVISION indicate that from April 18, 2005 through July 25, 2006, RESPONDENT was affiliated with North American Funding until his termination by that entity. DIVISION records further reflect that RESPONDENT'S mortgage agent's license has been inactive since that date.
- 3. On March 26, 2007, the DIVISION received a Complaint regarding RESPONDENT, from three (3) individuals alleging misrepresentation in connection with certain loans with which RESPONDENT was involved.
- 4. Pursuant to NRS 645B.060, the DIVISION is charged with conducting "...such investigations as may be necessary to determine whether any person has violated any provision of this chapter, a regulation adopted pursuant to this chapter or an order of the Commissioner." See, NRS 645B.060(2)(b).
- 5. Pursuant to NRS 645B.060, the DIVISION is further charged with conducting "...such other examinations, periodic or special audits, investigations and hearings as may be necessary and proper for the efficient administration of the laws of this State regarding mortgage brokers and mortgage agents..." <u>See</u>, NRS 645B.060(2)(d).
- 6. Upon investigating the Complaint received as to RESPONDENT, the DIVISION learned the following:
- a. On August 10, 2006, RESPONDENT completed a Form 1003 Residential Loan Application in connection with a refinance of the residence of Sixto and Elisa Bueno (hereinafter, the "BUENO LOAN"). This document lists the broker for the loan as "Capital Direct Lending", located at 3909 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119.
 - b. On September 11, 2006, the BUENO LOAN closed.
- c. Despite RESPONDENT'S written representation that "Capital Direct Lending" had brokered the BUENO loan, at no time has RESPONDENT ever been affiliated with "Capital Direct Lending" in any way.

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- DIVISION records further reflect that between the dates of July 25, 2006 d. and October 13, 2006, RESPONDENT'S licensed affiliation with "North American Funding" had expired. Thus, at the time of the brokering of the BUENO loan, RESPONDENT had no licensed affiliation whatsoever.
- On October 13, 2006, an entity known as "Freedom Lending Group, Inc." e. applied for licensure as a mortgage broker by the DIVISION. This entity listed RESPONDENT as its "Principal" and "Qualified Employee", and further specified its office location as 1050 E. Flamingo Road, Suite E323, Las Vegas, Nevada. "Freedom Lending Group, Inc." was ultimately licensed by the DIVISION on February 22, 2007.
- f. On April 19, 2007, a DIVISION investigator traveled to "Freedom Lending Group, Inc." at its previously declared address and learned that another business, unrelated to "Freedom Lending Group, Inc." was occupying that space.
- Since its erroneous declaration of its address as "1050 E. Flamingo Road, g. Suite E323, Las Vegas, Nevada", neither RESPONDENT nor any other representative from "Freedom Lending Group, Inc." have corrected this situation. Thus, at present, "Freedom Lending Group, Inc." does not possess a physical location in the State of Nevada.
- 7. Pursuant to NRS 645B.400, "...a person shall not act as or provide any of the services of a mortgage agent or otherwise engage in, carry on or hold himself out as engaging in or carrying on the activities of a mortgage agent unless the person has a license as a mortgage agent issued pursuant to NRS 645B.410..." See, NRS 645B.400.
- 8. Pursuant to NRS 645B.410, "... an application for a license as a mortgage agent must... include a verified statement from the mortgage broker with whom the applicant will be associated that expresses the intent of that mortgage broker to associate the applicant with the mortgage broker and to be responsible for the activities of the applicant as a mortgage agent..." *See*, NRS 645B.410(2)(e).

9. Pursuant to NRS 645B.900, "...it is unlawful for any person to offer or provide any of the services of a mortgage broker or mortgage agent or otherwise to engage in, carry on or hold himself out as engaging in or carrying on the business of a mortgage broker or agent without first obtaining the applicable license issued pursuant to this chapter..." <u>See</u>, NRS 645B.900.

- 10. Pursuant to NAC 645B.030, "...a license for a branch office may be issued only in the name in which the mortgage broker is licensed to conduct business at his principal office...", and further requires that "...each branch office must conspicuously display its license at the branch office..." <u>See</u>, NAC 645B.030(4), (5).
- agent, the Commissioner may impose upon the mortgage agent an administrative fine of not more than \$10,000, may suspend, revoke or place conditions upon his license, or may do both, if the mortgage agent, whether or not acting as such... [h]as made a material misrepresentation in connection with any transaction governed by this chapter... or [h]as engaged in any other conduct constituting a deceitful, fraudulent or dishonest business practice... or [h]as violated any provision of this chapter, a regulation adopted pursuant to this chapter or an order of the Commissioner or has assisted or offered to assist another person to commit such a violation...". <u>See</u>, NRS 645B.670(3)(b), (h) and (j).
- 12. Pursuant to NRS 645B.690, "...if a person offers or provides any of the services of a mortgage broker or mortgage agent or otherwise engages in, carries on or holds himself out as engaging in or carrying on the business of a mortgage broker or mortgage agent and, at the time...the person was required to have a license pursuant to this chapter and the person did not have such a license... the Commissioner shall impose upon the person an administrative fine or not more than \$10,000.00 for each violation and, if the person has a license, the Commissioner shall revoke it..." See, NRS 645B.690(1)(a).

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involvement in the BUENO LOAN and his representation that he had handled that matter under the auspices of "Capital Direct Lending", during a period of time (i.e., between the dates of July 25, 2006 and October 13, 2006) when his only licensed affiliation with "North American Funding" had expired, thereby leaving RESPONDENT with no licensed affiliation whatsoever, has engaged in unlicensed activity as a mortgage agent, thereby violating NRS 645B.400, NRS 645B.410(2)(e) and NRS 645B.900. See, NRS 645B.400, NRS 645B.410(2)(e) and NRS 645B.900.

15. Additionally, by virtue of the fact that "Freedom Lending", an entity where RESPONDENT served as both Principal as well as Qualified Employee, lacked (and, indeed, currently lacks) a physical office location from which to conduct mortgage business, the DIVISION finds that the RESPONDENT has also violated NRS 645B.030(4) and (5).

VIOLATIONS OF LAW

1. The DIVISION has determined that, through the above-described conduct, RESPONDENT has violated NRS 645B.670(3)(b), (h) and (j), NRS 645B.400, NRS 645B.410(2)(e) and NRS 645B.900, as well as NRS 645B.030(4) and (5).

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NOW, THEREFORE, the COMMISSIONER of the DIVISION HEREBY ORDERS that, pursuant to NRS 645B.670(3), NRS 645B.720 and NRS 645B.750, the mortgage agent license of RESPONDENT be REVOKED.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to NRS 645B.670(3) and NRS 645B.690, RESPONDENT will be subject to an administrative fine in the amount of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00);

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the sum of said administrative fine be paid in full within thirty (30) days of entry of the instant Order;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to NRS 645B.750, upon written application to the DIVISION, RESPONDENT shall be entitled to a hearing with regard to the contents of the instant Order. Should RESPONDENT not request a hearing within twenty (20) days of the receipt of the instant Order, the DIVISION will enter a Final Order in this matter, as required by NRS 645B.750(2).

Dated this 25th day of September, 2007.

STATE OF NEVADA **DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY** DIVISION OF MORTGAGE LENDING

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I am an employee of the State of Nevada, Department of Business and Industry Division of Mortgage Lending, and that on November 8, 2007, I deposited in the U.S. mail postage prepaid via First Class Mail and Certified Return Receipt Requested, a true and correct copy of the foregoing, ORDER IMPOSING FINE AND ORDER REVOKING MORTGAGE AGENT LICENSE AND NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REQUEST HEARING for CHRIS S HANNA, addressed as follows:

Chris S. Hanna 7825 Fay Avenue, Ste. 200 LaJolla, CA 92037

Certified Receipt Number: 7004 1350 0002 8152 1809

DATED this __8th___day of November, 2007

Employee of the Division

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I am an employee of the State of Nevada, Department of Business and Industry Division of Mortgage Lending, and that on July 13, 2009, I deposited in the U.S. mail, postage prepaid via First Class Mail and Certified Return Receipt Requested, a true and correct copy of the foregoing, FINAL ORDER for CHRIS S HANNA, addressed as follows:

Chris S. Hanna 7825 Fay Avenue, Ste. 200 LaJolla, CA 92037

Certified Receipt Number: 7006 2760 0000 0875 9056

DATED this 10th day of July, 2009

By: Employee of the Division